

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after the title:

Cross Reference To Related Application

[0001] This application is a ***national stage*** of PCT/EP2003/011518 filed October 17, 2003 and based upon DE 102 49 817.2 filed October 24, 2002 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [00010] with the following amended paragraph:

[00010] In accordance with the invention, the object is achieved by means of a switching arrangement having ~~the features of patent claim 1.~~ a switch for actuating a first lighting system for emitting visible light having a number of lighting states with a lower beam and an upper beam, and for actuating a second lighting system for emitting visible light of at least one further lighting device, the switch having a number of switching stages representing lighting states for actuating the lighting systems, wherein the switch has an additional switching stage for actuating a third lighting system, which emits light in the infrared wavelength region or in the non-visible wavelength region, wherein the arrangement of the switching stages of the switch is fixed in such a way that the second and the third lighting system can be switched on only after the switching stage representing the lower beam, and wherein it is possible for the second and the third lighting systems to be operated

independently of one another. Advantageous refinements and developments of the invention are indicated in the dependent claims.

After paragraph [00025], please add the following paragraphs:

[00026] The manner of operating will now be explained. An exemplary switching arrangement for actuating lighting systems on a motor vehicle is presented, which is rotatably mounted. The switching arrangement is used to actuate the headlights, parking lights, fog headlights, rear fog lights and the infrared lighting of the motor vehicle. All the lighting means are inactive in an "off" switching stage in this case. The parking light of the motor vehicle is switched on with the aid of a 1st switching stage. The lower beam is actuated by means of a 2nd switching stage. In addition to the lower beam, the infrared lighting for the night vision system can be switched with the aid of a 3rd switching stage. The right and left-hand parking lights are activated with the aid of further 4th and 5th switching stages, respectively. The fog headlights can be actuated with the aid of a 7th switching stage by pulling on the switch, and the rear fog lights can be actuated with the aid of an 8th switching stage.

[00027] All the switching stages of the switching arrangement are designed in such a way that the switch latches tight at the

respective position of a switching stage and is held in this position of itself.

[00028] It would also be conceivable alternatively that instead of the 3rd switching stage there be provided upstream of the 7th and 8th switching stage a 6th switching stage by means of which the infrared lighting for the night vision system can be activated. By analogy with the 3rd switching stage, the 6th switching stage can be used to activate the infrared lighting only when the lower beam has already been switched on previously with the aid of the 2nd switching stage.

[00029] A further exemplary switching arrangement for actuating lighting means on a motor vehicle and which is mounted by means of a swivel axis is illustrated. The switching arrangement can be used, for example, to actuate the upper beams, flashlights and screen wipers of a motor vehicle. All the lighting means and the screen wipers are inactive in the basic position. The IR upper beam is switched on by means of a further 1st switching stage, and the visible upper beam is actuated with the aid of a further 2nd switching stage. The IR flashlight is activated with the aid of a further 3rd switching stage, and the visible flashlight is activated with the aid of a further 4th switching stage.

[00030] The screen wiper is inactive at a 0th switching position. On the basis of a rotary movement in a 1st direction, intermittent wiping is performed with the aid of a 1st position,

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whereas normal wiping is actuated with the aid of a 2nd position, and rapid wiping with the aid of a 3rd position. Single wiping is achieved by actuating a 5th switching stage.

[00031] The 1st and 2nd switching stages and the 0th, 1st, 2nd and 3rd switching positions are designed in such a way that the switch latches tight at the respective position of a switching stage and is held in this position of itself, whereas the 3rd, 4th and 5th switching stages are designed in such a way that they do not latch tight and are held manually by the driver at the respective position of a switching stage.